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1. [REDACTED] LIAISON Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called and requested the transcript of the 28 January 1976 hearing before that Committee. The transcript was sent immediately via courier.

2. [REDACTED] LIAISON John Cullinane, on the staff of Representative Bill Gradison (R., Ohio), called and asked when the Director was first elected to Congress. After checking, I called him back and told him that he was elected in the 90th Congress. He thanked me for the information.

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5. [REDACTED] LIAISON After receiving a call from the COMMO Watch Officer, I notified Dick Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who is working temporarily on the transition staff at State Department, that Senator Dick Clark (D., Iowa) had sent in another message and I would have it sent over to him by courier.

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10. [] LIAISON Called Russ Rourke, White House Staff, and told him that we have a letter from Chairman John Sparkman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, indicating that the Committee is planning to hold hearings beginning 13 January 1977 on foreign policy implications of U.S. strategic nuclear forces. I told him they want the Director to come up in open session and that it was my understanding that letters have been sent to DOD, State, ACDA and others. I also told him that Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), was pushing it and that Director Fred Ikle, ACDA, had already accepted. I said that my specific reason for calling was to determine if the White House has focused on these hearings to make sure the Administration is in accord with the hearings. Rourke told me he would check into the matter and get back to me.

11. [] LIAISON Called Darrell St. Claire, Assistant Secretary of the Senate, and told him that the Director was under the impression that the freshmen Senators were meeting today and that he was available to come up this afternoon to speak to them if the leadership wished. St. Claire said there is no group of Senators meeting as such but he was sure some of them were around. He suggested that I contact Stan Kimmitt, Secretary for the Majority of the Senate or Bill Hildenbrand, Secretary for the Minority of the Senate (which I am doing.) St. Claire mentioned that he would be having individual meetings with the freshmen Senators and would be glad to mention that the Director would be happy to have them visit Headquarters for breakfast. I said we would appreciate this and I gave my name and phone number as the contact point.

12. [] LIAISON Spoke with Clara Posey, Executive Secretary to Minority Leader John Rhodes (R., Ariz.), and asked her to pass on to Mr. Rhodes the Director's availability to speak to freshmen Congressmen, if Mr. Rhodes wished. Mrs. Posey said that they would be in caucus meetings all day tomorrow. It was agreed that she would pass a message to Mr. Rhodes.

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13. [] LIAISON Called Stan Kimmitt, Secretary for the Majority of the Senate, and told him that the Director was available to come up to speak to freshmen Senators, if Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) wished it. Kimmitt said the Senators would not be assembled as a group on the Hill but they would be meeting with President-elect Carter at Blair House on Friday at 10:45 a.m.

14. [] LIAISON Spoke with Gary Hymel, Executive Assistant to the House Majority Leader, Thomas O'Neill (D., Mass.), and told him that the Director was available to speak to freshmen Congressmen, if Mr. O'Neill wished. Hymel said that the Congressmen were here but were in caucus meetings and suggested that I call Representative-elect James Mattox (D., Texas), Chairman of the new members' caucus. (I tried to reach Mattox without success.)

I also told Hymel that we were available to come up and brief Mr. O'Neill on what is going on in the world anytime. Hymel said he would pass this on.

15. [] BREAKFAST/BRIEFING At the Director's request, called Senator Roman Hruska (R., Neb.) and extended an invitation for him to have breakfast with the Director on Monday, 13 December at 8:00. The Senator said he would be happy to attend and that his main interest in having a briefing was to get a general view of the Agency and the parameters under which we operate. The Director's office has been advised.

16. [] LIAISON In the company of [] met with Frank Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee. (See [] Memorandum for the Record.)

17. [] FAA BRIEFING Elly Vogtmann, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called and requested a briefing for Chairman John Sparkman (D., Ala.) and Senator Clifford Case (R., N.J.) on the [] Presidential finding [] at 2:30 p.m. After checking with the Director's office, I called Ms. Vogtmann and told her the Director would be there. Mr. Wells', DDO, office was advised.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Sam Hoskinson, National Security
Council Staff -- 10 December 1976

1. I called Sam Hoskinson, NSC staff, and told him that I had been in touch with Russ Rourke, White House staff, regarding the request by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to hold hearings in January with the Director as a lead off witness on the subject of U.S./USSR balance of strategic forces. I also told him it was my understanding that letters had also been sent to Defense, State, and perhaps others.

2. I told Hoskinson it appears that Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), is the one pushing these hearings. I also said that we have problems appearing in open session on this subject although it had been suggested that the Director have an unclassified paper to start off with and then go into executive session. My reaction was that this tends to leave questions hanging in the minds of those who do not sit in on the executive session portion. I told him that the Director had been in contact with Senator Percy on the subject and had expressed his concern about an open session. I mentioned that I had talked to Don Henderson, Acting Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the upshot of all of this is that nobody really has much interest in these hearings except Senator Percy. I said I had asked Russ Rourke to get the Administration's view on this but that he had not been back to me. Hoskinson said he would try to find out what he could on the subject and be back in touch.


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14. [REDACTED] BRIEFING Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.), called concerning the Director's appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 13 January concerning U.S./USSR strategic balances. I told Cohen that it looked like the Director would not be appearing because we felt the timing was bad. Cohen said he felt that the Committee is entitled to an assessment from the Agency whenever they ask for it. Cohen mentioned that the Senator had a conversation with General Scowcroft, NSC staff, but would not go into detail. I told Cohen that the Director is away and would not be back until Monday but I would touch base with him and be back in touch.

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